

## Leadership and competence

### Leadership in question

In our survey\* of community attitudes, many people raised concerns about the effectiveness of the Coalition government. They were concerned by poor leadership, lack of long-term thinking, ineffectiveness, poorly designed programs and wasteful spending.

The competence of the Morrison government has also been called into question by experienced political commentators. Laura Tingle (Australian Financial Review 15-10-2021) describes the government's failure to set an emissions target of net zero emissions by 2050 as "The most abject failure of leadership in living memory."

At critical times, Mr Morrison has avoided responsibility for leading the country, and appeared not to understand the basic concept of what leadership entails.



Mr Morrison's "I don't hold a hose, mate," has entered the vernacular as representative of his leadership style.

Cartoon: Thanks to Fiona Katauskas  
\*Survey: The Listening Post 2021

### Secret and Opaque

The federal government has vigorously resisted scrutiny by deflecting questions, claiming Cabinet in confidence for documents they want to hide, and by claiming Cabinet in confidence protection for the National Cabinet of Premiers and PM. The Administrative Appeals Tribunal denied this last attempt at secrecy.

### Three big policy Failures

1. There have been eight years of failure to enact effective Climate Policies to reduce emissions and transition Australia to a new post-carbon economy.
2. Federal government cuts to education and science have taken billions of dollars out of higher education and science. 87% of Bradfield voters\* agree that "Australian Universities should have their funding restored."
3. The Morrison government has failed to implement a National Independent Integrity Commission, despite promising it before the last election.

### Waste

There are too many examples of massive waste of taxpayer dollars. Some key ones are -

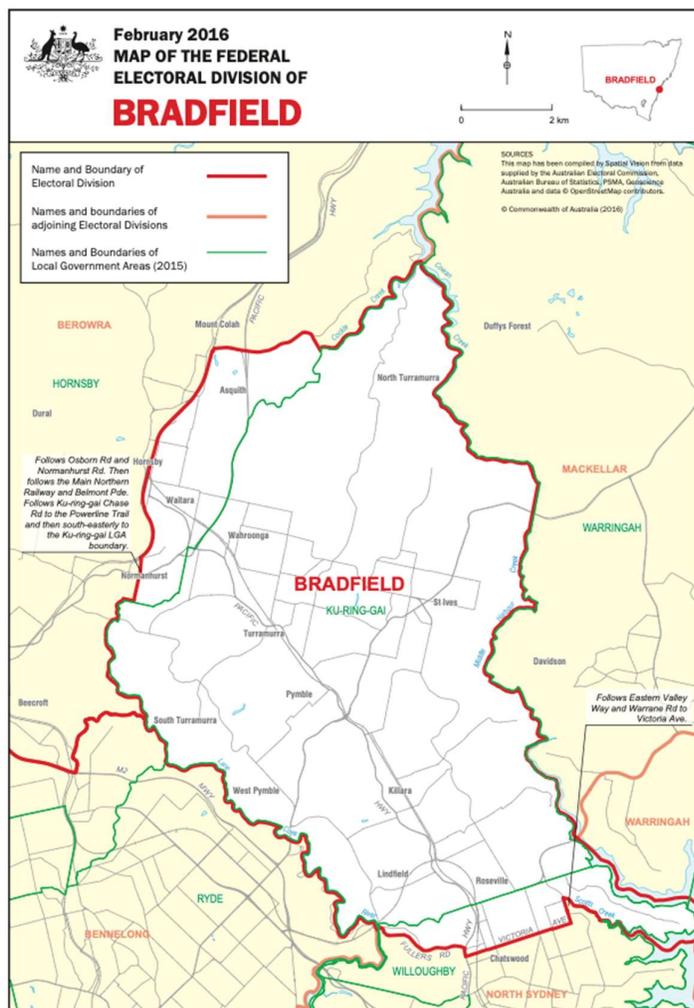
- JobKeeper was designed with no capacity to reclaim money from businesses that didn't need it, with the result that over \$13 billion was paid to businesses whose turnover increased.
- Unknown billions wasted on submarine projects.
- Misuse of taxpayer money on sports and car park pork barrelling.

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## Bradfield Electorate – Facts and Figures

The Bradfield electorate occupies sandstone country whose traditional owners are the Darramurragal and Guringai clans.

The electorate was established in 1949 and has always been won by the Liberal Party.



### Overview of Bradfield

(Census 2016)

**Median Age** – 41

**Sex** - 52% female, 48% male

**Education** - 47% Bachelor degree or above

**Language at home not English** – 28%.

**Country of Birth** - 57% Australia, 39% Overseas – 7% China, 7% UK, S Africa 3%.

**Religion** - 33% no religion, 25% Catholic, 20% Mainline Protestant.

**Families** - 47% couple with children, 14% older couples without children.

**Dwellings** – 27% medium/high density, 63% free-standing.

**Employment** - 60% full time (60% professionals/managers), 34% part time, 5% unemployed. 28% did Volunteer work.

**Household Income (weekly)** – 40% had income \$2,500+, 9% under \$650 pw.

**Transport** - 50% drive to work, 26% Train.

**Citizens** – 83%.

### Educated and Wealthy

Bradfield is one of the most highly educated electorates in the country, and one of the wealthiest.

Voices of Bradfield supports community wishes to see Competent and effective government, an Anti-Corruption Commission, effective Covid management, and Compassionate polices that support a fairer, more equal society.